

## **REMARKS / ARGUMENTS**

Claims 1, 2 and 8 remain in this application. Claims 3-7, 9 and 10 have been canceled. Claim 11 has been withdrawn.

The Examiner has acknowledged that claim 7 is dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claim. Claim 1 has been amended to include the limitations of claims 3, 6, and 7, thereby effectively rewriting claim 7 in independent form and including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claim. Applicant respectfully submits that claims 1, 2, and 8 are allowable.

### **Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 103**

Claims 1-3, 6 and 8-9 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 (a) as being unpatentable over Moore, Sr '512 in view of Hume '689. Amendments made to independent claim 1, and therefore to dependent claims 2 and 8, in addition to having cancelled claims 3, 6, and 9, have rendered this objection moot.

## CONCLUSION

In view of the current amendments, the present application now stands in condition for allowance. Early notice to this effect is earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that a telephone call would expedite prosecution of the application, he is invited to call the undersigned attorney at the number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

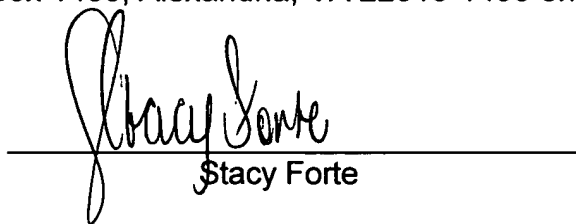


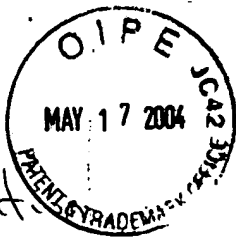
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